

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-8 remain pending in this application. No claims have been added or withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Covert et al in view of Ephrath et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,041,967). Claims 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Covert et al in view of Ephrath et al and further in view of JP-A-10-143359. These rejections are traversed as follows.

It is submitted that the claims, as amended, patentably define the present invention over the cited art. The claims now recite that information is provided about a content part indicating processing units in a previous transaction and events generated in said content part, to describe a next content part of a next destination in the event while the event is occurring in the content part.

Fig. 4 of the present application shows the call relations by which to realize the image contents and the screen transitions that appear (See Specification, page 9, lines 20-22). Content parts 403a to 403n are process units in a transaction. As shown in Fig. 6, rows 603 represent content parts. Vertical columns 604 show events, such as "End of Process", that occur for each content part. Squares 605 of intersecting rows (content parts) and columns (events) indicate the content part that

is the next destination upon occurrence of an event (such as "End of Process") for a content part (See Specification, page 11, lines 5-14).

On the other hand, there is no comparable disclosure by Ephrath et al. Figure 4 of Ephrath et al does not disclose the content parts or events of the pending claims. Ephrath certainly do not disclose showing the next content part upon occurrence of an event in a current content part nor the transition to such next content part.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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